### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

LLOYD F. AUDETTE,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
UMASS CORRECTIONAL HEALTH, a program of the University of Massachusetts Medical School; KATHLEEN M. DENNEHY, Commissioner of Correction; LOIS RUSSO, Superintendent of Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, and her predecessors and successors; AUGUSTIN ENAW, M.D.; LORRAINE HAZARD, M.D.; and CHARLIE BLACK, Defendants.	) ) ) CIVIL ACTION ) NO. 05-10403-DPV ) ) ) ) )	N

### OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED DEFENDANTS, IOANA BICA, M.D. AND DAVID R. STONE, M.D., TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO AMEND THE FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

The proposed defendants, Ioana Bica, M.D. ("Dr. Bica") and David R. Stone, M.D. ("Dr. Stone"), hereby oppose plaintiff's motion for leave to amend his first amended complaint to add Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone as party defendants. As will be set forth more fully below, the plaintiff, who is clearly very knowledgeable about his medical care and his medical providers, has known or at the very least should have known about Dr. Bica's involvement in the care and treatment of his Hepatitis C (HCV), and Dr. Stone's involvement in the care and treatment of his HIV, by the time his attorneys were appointed to represent him on May 9, 2005, if not at the time he filed his original complaint on February 24, 2005. Plaintiff's attorneys, having met with their client and having obtained the plaintiff's medical records from UMass Correctional Health by early May, 2005, should have known about Dr. Stone's involvement in the care of plaintiff's HIV condition, and were at least on inquiry notice as to the existence of a physician involved with the plaintiff's HCV condition (even if they could not yet identify this physician as Dr. Bica), as of the time the

first amended complaint was prepared and filed in July, 2005. Notably, both the plaintiff and his attorneys have been aware of the factual predicate for the very claims he now seeks to bring against Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone since July 7, 2005, when a draft copy of plaintiff's first amended complaint was filed with the Court, setting forth allegations of medical malpractice arising between February and May, 2005 in connection with the co-administration of the HIV medication ddi (Videx) with the HCV medication Ribavirin. Plaintiff's investigation leading up to the assertion of these allegations should have revealed the identity of Dr. Stone, and at a minimum, alerted plaintiff to the fact that a physician at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital's co-infection clinic had recommended HCV treatment for the plaintiff on January 28, 2004. Moreover, plaintiff has been in possession of the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital records since at least November 4, 2005, and thus had had the ability since that time to definitively identify Dr. Bica as the physician who recommended HCV treatment for the plaintiff on January 28, 2004.

Yet, plaintiff has waited twenty-one months since filing his original complaint and over fifteen months since filing his first amended complaint to bring a motion to add Drs. Bica and Stone as additional defendants. To justify the delay in seeking amendment, the plaintiff disingenuously suggests that he was not aware of Dr. Bica's and Dr. Stone's involvement in the treatment of his HCV and HIV conditions until defendant Augustine Enaw, M.D. "unexpectedly" testified on August 22, 2006 that he relied on Dr. Bica's 1/28/04 recommendation to start HCV therapy when he (Dr. Enaw) ordered HCV therapy for the plaintiff on 1/3/05, and that he relied on Dr. Stone to manage the plaintiff's HIV. As set forth below, the plaintiff and his attorneys have been aware of the identity of these two physicians and their respective involvements in treating plaintiff's HCV and HIV conditions, at the very least, for over a year now. Pursuant to Local Rule 15.1(A), plaintiff was required to bring the present motion at that time. Without a doubt, allowance of plaintiff's motion to amend his first amended

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complaint, now that the discovery deadline has passed and numerous witnesses have been deposed, will result in unfair prejudice to both Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone, and further delay the resolution of this case. For these reasons, this Court should deny plaintiff's motion to amend his first amended complaint.

#### BRIEF FACTUAL HISTORY

Plaintiff, Lloyd Audette, is an inmate at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (SBCC). He has been an inmate at SBCC since approximately February of 2004. Prior to SBCC, plaintiff was an inmate at Norfolk Correctional Institution. Plaintiff is co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV). The present litigation stems from the assertion by the plaintiff that the medication Ribavirin (administered in combination with Peg-Interferon to treat HCV) should not have been co-administered with the HIV medication ddi (Videx) from January 10, 2005 to April 18, 2005.

On January 28, 2004, Dr. Bica, then a physician in the co-infection clinic at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, saw the plaintiff at Shattuck Hospital for a consult visit. (Dr. Bica had also treated the plaintiff prior to 1/28/04, see, e.g., Exhibit A). In her note of January 28, 2004 (Exhibit B), among other things, Dr. Bica wrote, "Would give trial of Peg-Interferon/Ribavirin. **Discussed extensively** side effects from depression, cytopenia, proteinuria, thyroiditis, headache, visual changes, coma, etc. Please ask for formal psychiatric evaluation in anticipation of Pegelated Interferon/Ribavirin. Please consult ophthalmology, baseline retina exam." Dr. Bica's note goes on to describe her suggested dosing, and the labs that should be done once therapy is initiated. Dr. Bica's note further suggests switching plaintiff's HIV medication Kaletra to Sustiva. Her note also requests that the plaintiff follow up in the co-infection clinic one month after starting HCV therapy. Dr. Bica's note is contained in the plaintiff's medical records from Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

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Plaintiff was transferred to SBCC sometime in February of 2004. Since plaintiff's arrival at SBCC, Dr. Stone, an infectious disease consultant at SBCC, has provided care and treatment for the plaintiff's HIV condition. Plaintiff's medical records from defendant UMass Correctional Health (UMCH) while an inmate at SBCC are replete with various requests from the plaintiff to see Dr. Stone in connection with his HIV medications (see e.g., Exhibit C).

On March 10, 2004, plaintiff signed out a "PEG-INTRON Access Form," which was then faxed to the UMass Correctional Health Program – part of the process for obtaining approval to begin the HCV therapy of Peg-Interferon and Ribavirin (Exhibit C).

On December 28, 2004, plaintiff was approved to begin HCV treatment. On January 3, 2005, Dr. Augustine Enaw, the Medical Director at SBCC, signed a Physician's Order that provided for plaintiff to begin HCV therapy consisting of Peg-Interferon and Ribavirin on January 10, 2005. Plaintiff began his HCV treatment on January 10, 2005. At that time, plaintiff was also receiving the medication ddi (Videx) for his HIV condition. The HCV treatment was stopped on April 18, 2005. Plaintiff met with Dr. Stone during the infectious disease clinics at SBCC on March 8, 2005, April 19, 2005, and May 29, 2005 (Exhibit C).

### RELEVANT BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On February 24, 2005, plaintiff, pro se, filed a verified complaint against UMass Correctional Health and Kathleen Dennehy, Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, alleging a deprivation of his rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Eight Amendment of the United States Constitution. Plaintiff alleged, inter alia, that SBCC refused to provide him with Rockport walking shoes and adequate pain medication. Plaintiff further alleged that he was not receiving his HIV medications on time, and that he had lost approximately 40 pounds of body weight because he was not receiving testosterone and oxandrolone treatment.
  - In an Affidavit filed with his complaint that provided further detail as to nature of a. his grievances, plaintiff states: "I had to wait over one year for Hep C treatment although it was ordered and I was symptomatic." (Plaintiff's Affidavit, ¶ 18 at pg. 2) (emphasis added).

- b. Along with his verified complaint and affidavit, plaintiff filed 24 pages comprising grievance forms, notes, letters, and medical records, all of which provide further detail about plaintiff's grievances as to issues with his Rockport shoes, pain medications, and HIV medications.
  - i. As an example of plaintiff's awareness of his medications, in a Complaint Form dated November 3, 2004, plaintiff states that his HIV medications include "Sustiva, Videx and Epivere."
  - ii. Plaintiff includes a letter to him from "Mindy" (whom he elsewhere identifies as the "ID [infectious disease] nurse"), which states: "You have been approved to start hepatitis treatment . . . You will begin your treatment on 1/10/05."
- 2. On February 24, 2005, plaintiff also filed a motion for a temporary restraining order, requesting that the defendants immediately provide him with Rockport shoes, testosterone injections, oxandrolone medication, dietary supplements, and methadose.
- 3. On March 28, 2005, defendant UMass Correctional Health (UMCH) filed an opposition to plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order. Therein, UMCH clearly identifies Dr. Stone as a physician in the infectious disease clinic. Furthermore, in addressing plaintiff's motion, UMCH states that "the infectious disease specialist, Dr. Stone" warned that increasing plaintiff's dose of methadose may affect the efficacy of his Sustiva and ddi (Videx) medications. UMCH also states, "given the doctor's concern, plaintiff is scheduled to meet with **Dr. Stone at the Infectious disease clinic**" in April, 2005 to discuss plaintiff's concerns.

UMCH also filed an Affidavit of its counsel, Attorney James Bello, in which **Dr. Stone** is yet again identified as the "infectious disease specialist at the SBCC." Attorney Bello states that Charlie Black (Health Services Administrator at SBCC) informed him that Dr. Stone was concerned about the effect of the methadose on plaintiff's Sustiva and ddi medications.

Both UMCH's opposition and the Affidavit of Attorney James Bello were served on the plaintiff.

- On May 2, 2005, plaintiff filed his response to UMCH's opposition. Acknowledging his 4. receipt of UMCH's opposition and the Affidavit of Attorney James Bello, plaintiff states that Charlie Black "lied to Attorney James A. Bello" because Sustiva blocks the absorption of methadone, not the other way around.
- 5. On May 2, 2005, plaintiff, pro se, filed a motion to amend his complaint to add Charlie Black and Lorraine Hazard, M.D. as party defendants, and to assert a claim of retaliation. In his motion, plaintiff restates the information that "Dr. Stone" allegedly told Charlie Black.

- 6. On May 9, 2005, this Court (Woodlock, J.) appointed Bingham McCutchen LLP as pro bono counsel for the plaintiff. On May 10, 2005, four attorneys filed Notices of Appearance on behalf of the plaintiff.
- 7. On May 16, 2005, defendant UMCH filed a Status Report. Therein, UMCH again identifies Dr. David Stone as "one of the infectious disease specialists following [plaintiff's] care." In the section delineating the plaintiff's Medical Status, the report states, "Mr. Audette is scheduled to be seen again this week by Dr. Stone in the infectious disease clinic."
- 8. On May 16, 2005, counsel for the plaintiff filed a Status Report as well.
  - Under the section "Background," the Report notes that Attorney Donald Savery a. and Attorney Brandon Bigelow met with the plaintiff on May 9, 2005. On May 11, 2005, plaintiff's counsel requested a copy of plaintiff's medical record from the Court, filed by UMCH on March 15, 2005. "Counsel for Mr. Audette received that record from the Court on Thursday, May 12, 2005, and engaged Howard Libman, M.D. . . . to assess Mr. Audette's medical record . . . and provide a preliminary assessment . . . ." The report further notes that Attorney Bigelow met with the plaintiff on May 13, 2005.

The UMCH records for the plaintiff include the following:

- A 1/3/04 Sick Call Request Form by the plaintiff that states, "The i. Shattuck had written a recommendation to change viral meds to Sustiva." (Exhibit D).
- A 3/1/04 Progress Note by Nurse Melinda Bowen that states: "Cancelled ii. Lemuel Shattuck Hospital co-infection clinic visit scheduled for 3/3/04. "Per 1/28/04 co-infection clinic note – RTC 1 month after starting Peg Rx." (Exhibit D).
- A 3/10/04 Progress Note by Nurse Melinda Bowen that states: "Inmate iii. seen in housing unit to fill out Peg Access form for Peg Interferon RX. **Inmate** has questions relative to HIV med and possible changes to states Dr. Bica from LSH mentioned changing to Sustiva. Check of co-infection note states refer to IDMD [infectious disease medical doctor] for change of Kaletra to Sustiva." (Exhibit C; see also Peg Enrollment form signed by the plaintiff).
- iv. A 4/27/04 Progress Note by Nurse Melinda Bowen that was sent to the plaintiff, which states, "I spoke to Dr. Stone about changing the Kaletra to Sustiva . . . Dr. Bica had suggested changing your med..." (Exhibit
- A 4/27/04 Progress Note by Nurse Melinda Bowen that states, "Inmate v. states Dr. Bica had suggested switching Kaletra to Sustiva." (Exhibit D).
- vi. A 4/27/04 Progress Note by Nurse Melinda Bowen that states, "Spoke to [infectious disease medical doctor- Dr. Stone] regarding inmate's wish to change Kaletra to Sustiva as suggested by Dr. Bica in Jan. '04." (Exhibit D).

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- b. Dr. Libman's preliminary report, based on his review of plaintiff's "detailed medical record," was also filed with the Court on May 16, 2005. Therein, Dr. Libman notes that the HIV drug ddi (Videx) should not be co-administered with the anti-HCV drug Ribavirin because of increased risk of severe lactic acidosis. Dr. Libman states, "in this setting, it would have been appropriate to substitute another drug for ddi and maintain his treatment for HCV if it was deemed effective."
- Under the section delineating the plaintiff's Medical Status, plaintiff's Status c. Report states, "Mr. Audette did not know, as of Friday, May 13, 2005, whether he would be scheduled to see the HIV specialist on May 17, 2005. According to the Status Report filed by UMass Medical, Mr. Audette will see a **Dr. Stone** later this week."
- d. Plaintiff's counsel also indicates that they are in the process of obtaining plaintiff's medical records from UMCH, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, and New England Medical Center.
- 9. On May 24, 2005, this Court (Woodlock, J.) denied without prejudice plaintiff's pro se motion to amend his complaint, and ordered that it be re-submitted by June 30, 2005.
- 10. On June 29, 2005, plaintiff filed a motion to extend the time for filing his motion to amend the complaint to July 7, 2005. Plaintiff required an additional week to determine what claims would be asserted in the amended complaint. The Court (Woodlock, J.) allowed this motion on July 5, 2005.
- On July 7, 2005, defendant UMCH filed a Status Report. Therein, UMCH states that 11. plaintiff "is followed closely by Dr. David Stone."
- On July 7, 2005, plaintiff also filed a Status Report. Under the section Medical Status, 12. plaintiff notes that UMCH "removed the antiretroviral drug ddi (also referred to as 'Videx') from Mr. Audette's treatment regimen for human immunodeficiency virus."<sup>1</sup> The report further states that plaintiff's counsel has completed their initial investigation and have identified additional parties to be named and claims to be asserted in the amended complaint.
  - On July 7, 2005, plaintiff also filed a *draft* copy of his **proposed first amended** a. complaint, naming Lois Russo (Superintendent of SBCC), Augustine Enaw, M.D., Lorraine Hazard, M.D., and Charlie Black as additional defendants. The "Factual Allegations" supporting plaintiff's medical malpractice claim stem from the co-administration of the HIV medication, ddi (Videx) with the HCV medication, Ribavirin, to the plaintiff, from January 10, 2005 to April 18, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Dr. Stone** is the physician who ordered that ddi be discontinued and that the plaintiff begin receiving Truvada and Sustiva instead, when he saw the plaintiff at the infectious disease clinic on May 29, 2005. Presumably plaintiff's counsel was aware of this information in informing the Court that ddi had been removed from plaintiff's HIV treatment regimen.

The draft amended complaint states that Dr. Enaw prescribed HCV therapy (Peg-Interferon and Ribavirin) for the plaintiff on January 3, 2005, at which time plaintiff was also receiving ddi (Videx) as part of his HIV regimen. The allegations further describe plaintiff's medical course in connection with the HCV treatment through May, 2005.

- 13. On July 11, 2005, plaintiff filed a motion to extend the time for filing his motion to amend the complaint to July 22, 2005, in order to comply with Local Rule 15.1(B). The Court (Woodlock, J.) allowed this motion on July 12, 2005.
- 14. On July 22, 2005, plaintiff filed a motion to amend the complaint, along with a copy of the **proposed first amended complaint**. (The "Factual Allegations" contained in the proposed first amended complaint concerning the co-administration of ddi and Ribavirin are the same as those made in the draft version submitted to the Court on July 7, 2005). Plaintiff asserted a lack of prejudice to the proposed defendants in that "discovery has yet to be undertaken." The Court (Woodlock, J.) allowed this motion on August 25, 2005, and further ordered that all non-expert discovery be completed by March 31, 2006.
- 15. On August 25, 2005, a scheduling conference was held and the Court (Woodlock, J.) ordered that all non-expert discovery be completed by March 31, 2006.
- 16. On August 26, 2005, plaintiff filed his first amended complaint with the Court (same as proposed first amended complaint filed on July 22, 2005).
- 17. On **December 13, 2005**, plaintiff served defense counsel with a copy of his Offer of Proof.
  - In a footnote 1 to plaintiff's Offer of Proof, plaintiff acknowledges receipt of "an a. apparently complete copy of Mr. Audette's medical records from UMass Correctional Health through June 2005."
  - b. Exhibit E of plaintiff's Offer of Proof is comprised of a portion of plaintiff's medical records from UMass Correctional Health. Included therein are the Progress Notes from Dr. Stone's examination of the plaintiff during the infectious disease clinic at SBCC on March 8, 2005, April 19, 2005, and May 29, 2005.
  - Exhibit I of plaintiff's Offer of Proof is a letter from plaintiff's expert, Howard c. Libman, M.D., dated November 4, 2005, in which Dr. Libman states that, at the request of plaintiff's counsel, he has reviewed "the medical records of Mr. Audette from the Department of Correction, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital,<sup>2</sup> and New England Medical Center from October, 2001 through June, 2005."
- 18. On February 24, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Michael Rodrigues of the Department of Correction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lemuel Shattuck Hospital produced a certified copy of its medical records pursuant to c. 233, § 79G on October 20, 2005. Presumably plaintiff's counsel received the records then, if not earlier.

- 19. On February 28, 2006, the parties filed a joint motion to extend the discovery deadline to May 31, 2006, anticipating that all non-expert discovery could be complete by that date. This Court (Woodlock, J.) allowed this motion on March 2, 2006, and extended the discovery deadline to May 31, 2006.
- 20. On March 10, 2006, a Medical Malpractice Tribunal was held at Suffolk Superior Court. The Tribunal found in favor of the plaintiff as to defendants Augustine Enaw, M.D. and UMass Correctional Health.
- 21. On May 8, 2006, the parties filed a joint Status Report and Proposed Revised Pretrial Schedule. Among other things, the parties requested an extension of the discovery deadline to August 31, 2006.
- 22. On May 10, 2006, this Court (Woodlock, J.) entered a Scheduling Order, pursuant to which discovery was to be completed by August 31, 2006, a status conference held on September 14, 2006, motions filed by October 16, 2006, and a pre-trial conference set for January 11, 2007.
- 23. On **June 1, 2006**, plaintiff took the deposition of Melinda Bowen, R.N., the Infectious Disease Case Manager at UMCH. Nurse Bowen testified, inter alia, that the recommendation to treat an inmate's HCV "comes from the co-infection doctor at Lemuel Shattuck. Then her recommendations are followed out and then if there's an issue then we can contact her...." Nurse Bowen further testified that a co-infected inmate *cannot* begin HCV treatment *without* the recommendation of the co-infection doctor at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, and that co-infection doctor's recommendation for HCV treatment is relied on in providing the dosage for the inmate's Peg Interferon and Ribavirin. (Bowen Depo, at 124-25; 218-219).
- 24. On June 5, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Mark Schnabel of UMCH.
- 25. On June 6, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Charles Black of UMCH.
- 26. On June 27, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Philip Tavares, M.D. of UMCH.
- 27. On August 3, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Lorraine Hazard, M.D. of UMCH.
- 28. On August 22, 2006, plaintiff took the deposition of Augustine Enaw, M.D. of UMCH (originally noticed for June 27, 2006).
- 29. On August 28, 2006, the parties filed a joint motion to extend the time to complete discovery and amend the scheduling order. In addition, defendant UMCH sought leave to depose the plaintiff, and plaintiff sought leave to take up to 15 depositions. Plaintiff stated that he needed an additional 90 days to complete discovery, including document requests and depositions of Dr. Bica, Dr. Stone, and Dr. Barbara McGovern.
  - As reasons therefor, plaintiff stated that Dr. Enaw's deposition testimony on August 22, 2006 – that he relied on Dr. Bica's January 28, 2004 recommendation to start HCV

therapy when he ordered HCV for the plaintiff therapy on January 3, 2005, and that he relied on Dr. Stone to manage plaintiff's HIV care – was "unexpected." Plaintiff states that in light of Dr. Enaw's "unexpected" testimony, he "cannot discount the possibility that other medical personnel may be responsible in part for the co-administration of" ddi and Ribavirin. The parties requested an extension of the discovery deadline to November 28, 2006.

- 30. On September 6, 2006, the parties filed a Joint Status Report and Proposed Revised Pretrial Schedule. Plaintiff states therein, "Mr. Audette completed all of the discovery he anticipated would be necessary to his claims, but discovered additional information that leads him reluctantly to conclude that further discovery is necessary to prepare his case."
- 31. On September 14, 2006, this Court (Woodlock, J.) allowed the joint motion and ordered fact discovery completed by **November 28, 2006**, plaintiff's expert disclosures by December 13, 2006, defendant's expert disclosures by January 12, 2007, dispositive motions by January 12, 2007, rebuttal experts by February 1, 2007, expert discovery completed by March 2, 2007, status reports by March 3, 2007, and a status conference for April 12, 2007.

As will be set forth below, Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone respectfully request that this Court deny plaintiff's motion to amend his first amended complaint because of his inexcusable delay in seeking to add them as party defendants, notwithstanding that their identities were revealed long ago, and because allowance of this motion will result in unfair prejudice and further delay this litigation.

#### **ARGUMENT**

- I. THIS COURT SHOULD DENY PLAINTIFF'S MOTION BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN SEEKING THE AMENDMENT, AND BECAUSE ALLOWANCE OF THIS MOTION WILL RESULT IN UNFAIR PREJUDICE TO DR. BICA AND DR. STONE AND CAUSE FURTHER DELAY OF THIS LITIGATION.
  - A. Plaintiff's Delay In Moving To Amend His Complaint To Add Dr. Bica And Dr. Stone As Party Defendants, Despite Awareness Of Their Identities, Warrants Denial Of His Motion.

Although Rule 15(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that leave to amend "shall be freely given" when justice so requires, "amendments, however, are not always permitted." *MacNeill Engineering Co. v. Trisport*, 59 F. Supp. 2d 199, 200 (D. Mass. 1999).

Reasons justifying the denial of a motion to amend made pursuant to Rule 15(a) include: "undue

delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant, repeated failure to cure deficiencies by amendments previously allowed, undue prejudice to the opposing party by virtue of allowance of the amendment, [or] futility of the amendment." Foman v. Davis, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962); see also *Resolution Trust Corp. v. Gold*, 30 F. 3d 251, 253 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 1994) ("Leave to amend is to be 'freely given' unless it would be futile or reward, inter alia, undue or intended delay."). In Palmer v. Champion Mortgage, 465 F. 3d 24 (1st Cir. 2006), the Court stated:

In appropriate circumstances - undue delay, bad faith, futility, and the absence of due diligence on the movant's part are paradigmatic examples – leave to amend may be denied. In short, a request to amend – especially a belated request – requires the court to examine the totality of the circumstances and to exercise its informed discretion in constructing a balance of pertinent considerations.

*Id.* at 30-31 (emphasis added).

Additionally, in ruling on plaintiff's motion to amend, this Court should consider Local Rule 15.1(A), which provides:

> Amendments adding parties *shall* be sought as soon as an attorney reasonably can be expected to have become aware of the identity of the proposed new party.

(Emphasis added).

Here, it is quite obvious, in light of the logical inferences to be drawn based on the "Relevant Background and Procedural History" set forth above, that the plaintiff certainly was aware or should have been aware of the identities of both Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone well before Dr. Enaw's deposition took place on August 22, 2006. The plaintiff himself acknowledged in his affidavit filed on February 24, 2005 that he had to wait over a year for Hepatitis C treatment, despite that fact that it was ordered. The obvious question is who ordered HCV treatment in 2004? Even if the plaintiff could not remember that Dr. Bica was the actual physician who had first recommended the HCV treatment (although a review of the UMCH records likely would have jogged his memory), plainitff's attorneys were at least put on inquiry notice that a physician

had "ordered" HCV treatment a year before the actual treatment (that Dr. Enaw ordered) began on January 10, 2005. Plaintiff's counsel should have inquired as to as the identity of this physician. Furthermore, plaintiff's attorneys were in possession of the UMCH medical records as of May 12, 2005. Nurse Bowen's 3/1/04 Progress Note specifically identifies the co-infection clinic at Shattuck Hospital and references "the 1/28/04 co-infection note," as providing for the plaintiff to return to the co-infection clinic one month after starting HCV treatment. All that was left to do was to ascertain the identity of the physician who saw the plaintiff at Shattuck Hospital on 1/28/04 – information that plaintiff himself likely could have provided, given his impressive recall of the recommendation also made on 1/28/04 to switch his HIV medications. Dr. Bica's name is mentioned numerous times in the UMCH Progress Notes in early 2004, in connection with the change to plaintiff's HIV medications, and one 4/27/04 Progress Note ties her to January, 2004. Surely the plaintiff could have confirmed for his attorneys that Dr. Bica treated him at Shattuck's co-infection clinic. At a minimum, plaintiff's counsel was in possession of the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital records by November 4, 2005 (since plaintiff's expert, Dr. Libman, had reviewed those records by that point), and those very records contain Dr. Bica's 1/28/04 consult note. Plaintiff's attorneys could have brought suit against Dr. Bica as an unidentified defendant at the time the plaintiff's first amended complaint was filed was filed in July, 2005, and then added in her name in November, 2005 once they obtained the 1/28/04 consult note. Plaintiff also could have moved to add Dr. Bica in the first instance in November, 2005 as well, in accordance with Local Rule 15.1(A).

The case is even more compelling for Dr. Stone. Defendant UMCH identified Dr. Stone as a physician in the infectious disease clinic at SBCC in filings to the Court as early as March, 28, 2005. Given the frequency with which Dr. Stone's name appears in the pleadings, in the medical records, and in forms filled out by the plaintiff himself, it is simply inconceivable that

the plaintiff was not aware of Dr. Stone's identity at the time the first amended complaint was prepared and filed in July, 2005. Furthermore, given how involved the plaintiff appears to be with his own health care, especially when it comes to his medications, it is unimaginable that the plaintiff was unable to identify Dr. Stone as the physician managing his HIV during the timeframe at issue (February to May, 2005) until Dr. Enaw was deposed on August 22, 2006.

Since May 12, 2005, plaintiff's attorneys were in possession of the UMCH medical records for the plaintiff – records which are replete with references to Dr. Stone in connection with plaintiff's HIV treatment. Plaintiff's attorneys also had available to them all of the pleadings filed with the Court that identify Dr. Stone as an infectious disease physician at SBCC. Furthermore, plaintiff included Dr. Stone's consult notes from visits with the plaintiff at the infectious disease clinic at SBCC in March, April, and May of 2005, in his Offer of Proof, which was served on counsel on December 13, 2005. Surely plaintiff's attorneys were also aware of Dr. Stone's identity well before Dr. Enaw's deposition on August 22, 2006.

Plaintiff had a duty to consider all potentially responsible parties once Dr. Libman raised the co-administration issue in May of 2005, providing the plaintiff with a basis upon which to assert his medical malpractice claim. Plaintiff has been aware of the factual predicate upon which he now seeks to add Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone since July 7, 2005, as evidenced by the draft copy of plaintiff's proposed first amended complaint filed with the Court on that date. The impetus was thus on the plaintiff and his counsel to consider "the possibility that other medical personnel may be responsible in part for the co-administration" *before* plaintiff moved to amend his original complaint on July 22, 2005. Plaintiff also had an opportunity to seek amendment in November of 2005, once they obtained a copy of Dr. Bica's 1/28/04 consult note.

Plaintiff asserts in his motion to amend that on **August 22, 2006** at the deposition of Dr. Enaw, he learned that Dr. Enaw relied upon Dr. Bica in connection with the treatment of

plaintiff's HCV condition, and relied upon Dr. Stone in connection with the treatment of plaintiff's HIV condition. Plaintiff is disingenuous in this respect. On **June 1, 2006**, Nurse Melinda Bowen testified that the recommendation to begin an inmate on HCV treatment comes from the co-infection doctor at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, and that that the recommendation is relied upon in providing for the dosage of the inmate's Peg-Interferon and Ribavirin. As such, Dr. Enaw's testimony on August 22, 2006 could hardly have been "unexpected." It is more likely that Dr. Enaw's disavowal of any responsibility over plaintiff's HCV and HIV conditions prompted the plaintiff to re-evaluate his claims and seek additional targets. Plaintiff's delay in seeking amendment should not be excused. "Among the good reasons for which a motion to amend may be denied are that no justification for the lateness of the motion is apparent, **beyond counsel for the moving party having had a late dawning idea** . . . ." *DiVenuti v. Reardon*, 37 Mass. App. Ct. 73, 77 (1994) (emphasis added).

In light of the plaintiff's actual or imputed awareness of the identities of Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone and their respective involvements with his HCV and HIV care in relation to his medical malpractice claim, the plaintiffs' delay in moving to add Drs. Bica and Stone as additional defendants is inexcusable in this case, and justifies denial of his motion to amend.

### B. <u>Dr. Bica And Dr. Stone Would Be Unfairly Prejudiced By The Allowance Of Plaintiff's Motion To Amend Complaint.</u>

"Where a motion to amend comes after responsive pleadings have been served . . . the moving party must demonstrate an absence of prejudice to the nonmoving party." *Data General Corp. v. Grumman Systems Support Corp.*, 825 F. Supp. 340, 344 (D. Mass. 1993). Here, the prejudice that inures to both Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone in the event this motion is allowed is undeniable. It has now been nearly *three years* since Dr. Bica allegedly provided the treatment at issue in this case, and nearly *two years* since Dr. Stone provided the treatment at issue in this

case. Moreover, it has been twenty-one months since the original complaint was filed, and over fifteen months since the amended complaint was filed. Yet, now, at the close of discovery (a deadline that has been extended three times), the plaintiff seeks to amend his first amended complaint to add Drs. Bica and Stone as additional defendants, without any credible explanation for the delay.

If added to this lawsuit, Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone fall far behind the other parties, who have completed their discovery. Moreover, the plaintiff has already taken the depositions of Michael Rodrigues of the Department of Correction, Melinda Bowen, R.N. of UMCH, Mark Schnabel of UMCH, Charles Black of UMCH, Philip Tavares, M.D. of UMCH, Lorraine Hazard, M.D. of UMCH, and defendant Dr. Enaw. Counsel for Drs. Bica and Stone were not present at any of these depositions. It is inherently prejudicial to be added as party defendants as this late stage of the litigation.

C. Allowing Plaintiff's Motion To Amend The Amended Complaint Would Frustrate The Court's Interest in Prompt Resolution Of Cases Because Of The Inevitable Delay That Would Result From The Addition Of Two New Party Defendants.

Additionally, if plaintiff's motion is allowed, and plaintiff is permitted to state a claim against both Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone, additional discovery will have to be done, additional witnesses may have to be deposed, and certainly another Medical Malpractice Tribunal will have to be scheduled. This case, which has already had its discovery deadline extended three times, could be protracted for years.

### **CONCLUSION**

In accordance with Local Rule 15.1(A), plaintiff was required to bring a motion to amend to add Drs. Bica and Stone as soon as he reasonably could be expected to have become aware of their identities. It is patently clear that both the plaintiff and his attorneys were aware or should

have been aware of the identity of Dr. Bica and of Dr. Stone well before Dr. Enaw's deposition on August 22, 2006. Yet, the plaintiff has failed to offer any credible explanation for why he did not seek to add Dr. Bica and Dr. Stone as party defendants long before now. As the Court states in Perlmutter v. Shatzer, 102 F.R.D. 245 (D. Mass. 1984), "While leave to amend should be freely given, the time must arrive at some stage of every litigation when [plaintiff] must be required to stand upon the allegations he is asserting." As in Perlmutter and so too here, "that time has arrived."

WHEREFORE, the proposed defendants, Ioana Bica, M.D. and David R. Stone, M.D., respectfully request that this Court deny plaintiff's Motion to Amend the First Amended Complaint.

> Proposed defendants, IOANA BICA, M.D. and DAVID R. STONE, M.D. By their attorneys,

#### /s/ Daniel J. Griffin

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Date: December 1, 2006

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon counsel of record for each other party via first class mail on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2006.

/s/ Daniel J. Griffin

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December 28, 2004

Re: Approval To Start Hepatitis C Treatment

Please be advised that your name has come up to begin the Hepatitis C Treatment. You will be contacted within the next week to discuss the treatment plan that includes weekly injections and pills twice a day. There are a few things that will be happening before your treatment will start. A new hepatitis C viral load has been ordered-this needs to be drawn before you start your treatment so when we check the progress of the treatment (at 12 weeks) we have an accurate number of how much virus was in your blood just before you started treatment. I will also be scheduling those of you who haven't had their baseline eye exam yet.

I will speak with you individually next week to discuss possible side effects and ways to prevent them or at least ease the burden of them. I am sure you have heard many stories about the Hepatitis treatment and the side effects. I can only say that everyone is different and the side effects are also very different with each person.

Most people tell me that by increasing their fluid intake (recommendation is 1/2 your body wt in ounces everyday) ex. 150 lbs = 75 ounces fluid everyday (about 9-8oz glasses). This seems to flush the toxins out of your body. They also say the first few injections are the worse (fever, chills, muscle aches, nausea, headaches) but as the month goes on the effects become less bothersome.

The strain of your hepatitis (genotype) will determine the length of your treatment. Treatment is either 24 weeks-6 months or 48 weeks-11 months. I will discuss your treatments with you in person.

Congratulations. See you next week.

Mindy Bowen RN

Infectious Disease Case Manager

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You have been approved to start hepatitis treatment. I try to work closely with you especially in the first month this seems to be the worse time for side effects. I am here on Mondays and Tuesdays, if you have an immediate issue you need to place a sick slip or contact the nurse in your block.

You will begin your treatment on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I have given you the scheduled labs that are requested during your treatment. The first month there are many labs due to the medications possibly altering your blood counts. A close eye is kept on them and any adjustments that are needed are made.

We will follow up via teleconference with the off docs at LSH after your 12-week HCV viral load comes in. Lab is scheduled for <u>Y(Y(os)</u>. This lab test will tell the doctors how well the medication is working. If there isn't a significant drop in virus in your blood, treatment may be cancelled until something better is developed. Their research has shown that if the treatment isn't working at the 12-week mark then the chances of it failing is high. So they may chose to discontinue the treatment at that time.

Meanwhile, I have ordered your HCV Rx as I told you. So starting on Monday 1005 you will begin taking a Ribavirin Pills in the AM and pills in the PM. You will also get your first injection of Red Interferon in the afternoon on Monday, then every Monday afternoon after that.

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